



# Rose Rhapsody



These delightful doily designs are based on a theme of roses, one being worked entirely in crochet and the other forming a garland of flowers around a centre of matching fabric.

The delicate beauty of the rose is further enhanced by the pretty lace-like pattern of the surrounding crochet.

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Laundering Instructions  
Close-up

**Materials Required**

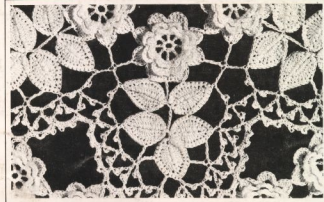
Coats Chain Mercer-Crochet Cotton  
No. 40 (20 g).  
2 balls for mat and 1 ball for doily.  
These models are worked in White, but  
any shade of Mercer-Crochet may be  
used.  
Milward steel crochet hook 1.00 (no. 4).  
If your crochet is loose use a size finer  
hook, if tight use a size larger hook.  
Piece of linen 18.5 cm in diameter.  
Coats Drima (polyester) thread.  
Coats bias binding (optional).

**Tension**

Rose - 3 cm in diameter.

**Measurements**

Size of mat - 32 cm in diameter.  
Finished size of doily - 30.5 cm in  
diameter.



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## Irish Crochet Mat and Doily

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### Abbreviations

ch – chain; dc – double crochet;  
hlf tr – half treble; tr – treble;  
dbl tr – double treble; st(s) – stitch(es);  
ss – slip stitch.

## Irish Crochet Mat (Back Cover)

### Inner Row of Sprays

#### First Spray

##### Rose

Commence with 6 ch, join with a ss to form a ring.

**1st Row:** 5 ch, (1 tr into ring, 2 ch) 7 times, 1 ss into 3rd of 5 ch.

**2nd Row:** Into each loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr 1 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc (8 petals made), 1 ss into back loop of first dc.

**3rd Row:** 1 ch, inserting hook from behind work 1 dc round first 3 ch made on 1st row, \* 4 ch, inserting hook from behind work 1 dc round bar of next tr on 1st row; repeat from \* ending with 4 ch, 1 ss into first dc.

**4th Row:** Into each loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr 3 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, 1 ss into back loop of first dc.

**5th Row:** 1 ch, inserting hook from behind work 1 dc round bar of first dc made on 3rd row, \* 5 ch, inserting hook from behind work 1 dc round bar of next dc on 3rd row; repeat from \* ending with 5 ch, 1 ss into first dc.

**6th Row:** Into each loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr 5 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, 1 ss into first dc (8 large petals made), 14 ch, turn.

#### First Leaf

**1st Row:** 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each of next 6 ch, 1 ch, turn.

**2nd Row:** 1 dc into first dc, 1 hlf tr into next dc, 2 tr into next dc, 3 tr into next dc, 2 tr into next dc, 1 hlf tr into next dc, 3 dc into next dc, working over 1st row work 1 hlf tr into same place as last hlf tr, 2 tr into same place as next 2 tr, 3 tr into same place as next 3 tr, 2 tr into same place as next 2 tr, 1 hlf tr into same place as next hlf tr, 1 dc into same place as next dc, 1 ss into next ch, 1 ch, turn.

**3rd Row:** Miss first ss, 1 dc into each of next 5 sts, remove loop from hook, insert hook into centre tr of first large petal made on rose and draw dropped loop through (a joining st made), 1 dc into each of next 6 sts on leaf, 3 dc into next dc (tip of leaf), 1 dc into each of next 11 sts, 1 ss into same place as last dc made on 1st row, 1 ss into same ch as last as on previous row, 9 ch, turn.

#### Second Leaf

Work as first leaf for 2 rows.

**3rd Row:** Miss first ss, 1 dc into each of next 5 sts, a joining st into centre tr of last large petal made on rose and complete as first leaf turning with 14 ch instead of 9 ch at end of row.

#### Third Leaf

Work as first leaf for 2 rows.

**3rd Row:** Miss first ss, 1 dc into each of next 5 sts, a joining st into 4th last dc made on first leaf and complete as first leaf.

#### Fourth Leaf

As third leaf working joining st into 4th last dc made on second leaf and complete as first leaf.

#### Fifth Leaf

Work as first leaf for 2 rows.

**3rd Row:** Miss first ss, 1 dc into each of next 3 sts, a joining st into 4th last dc made on third leaf, 1 dc into each of next 8 sts on fifth leaf and complete leaf as before omitting turning ch at end of row. Fasten off.

#### Second Spray

Work as first spray until 2 large petals have been completed on 6th row of rose, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 2 tr, a joining st into centre tr of 6th large petal made on first rose, into same loop on second rose work 3 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc and complete as first spray.

Make 4 more sprays joining each as second spray was joined to first joining last spray to first spray to correspond.

#### Edging

**1st Row:** With right side facing attach thread to centre dc at tip of fifth leaf on any spray, 1 dc into same place as join, \* 5 ch, 1 dc into 4th ch from hook (a picot made), 6 ch, a picot, 2 ch (a large picot loop made), miss 4 dc, leaving the last loop of each on hook work 1 dbl tr into next dc miss 5 dc after joining st on next leaf and 1 dbl tr into next dc, thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a joint at made), a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of same leaf, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of next leaf, 3 ch, a joint at working 1 dbl tr into centre tr of next free large petal on same spray and 1 dbl tr into centre tr of free large petal on next spray, 3 ch, (1 dc into centre dc at tip of next leaf, a large picot loop) twice, miss 7 dc on same leaf, a joint at working 1 dbl tr into next dc miss 4 dc on next leaf and 1 dbl tr into next dc, a large picot loop, miss 4 dc, 1 tr into next dc, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of same leaf; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

**2nd Row:** 1 dc into same place as ss, (5 ch, a picot) twice, 2 ch (a picot loop made), \* (1 dc into next loop between picots, a picot loop, 1 dc into next at between picot loops, a picot loop) twice, 1 dc into next loop between picots, 5 ch, a picot, 2 ch, (1 dc into next loop between picots, a picot loop, 1 dc into next at between picot loops, a picot loop) 4 times; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc and a picot loop at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

**3rd Row:** Ss to centre of first picot loop, 1 dc into same loop, \* (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop between picots) 4 times, 3 ch, miss 2 picots, 1 dc into next loop between picots, (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop between picots) 7 times; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

**4th Row:** \* (Into next loop work 2 dc, 3 ch, 3 dc, 3 ch and 2 dc) 4 times, 3 dc into next loop, (into next loop work 2 dc, 3 ch, 3 dc, 3 ch and 2 dc) 7 times; repeat from \* ending with 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

#### Outer Row of Sprays

##### First Spray

Work as first spray of inner row until 5

large petals have been completed on 6th row of rose, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 3 tr, a joining st into fourth 3 ch loop made on last row of edging on inner row of sprays, into same loop on rose work 2 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 2 tr, a joining st into next 3 ch loop of edging on inner row, into same loop on rose work 3 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, continue as first spray of inner row until 2nd row of second leaf has been completed.

**3rd Row:** Miss first ss, 1 dc into each of next 5 sts, a joining st into centre tr of last large petal made on rose, 1 dc into each of next 7 sts, miss next two 3 ch loops on edging of inner row, a joining st into next 3 ch loop, 2 dc into same place as last dc on leaf (a joining st made at tip of leaf) and complete spray as before.

#### Second Spray

Work as first spray of inner row until 1 large petal has been completed on rose, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 3 tr, miss seven 3 ch loops after last joining st on edging of inner row, a joining st into next 3 ch loop, into same loop on rose work 2 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 2 tr, a joining st into next 3 ch loop on edging of inner row, into same loop on rose work 3 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, complete rose as before ending with 14 ch, do not turn.

#### First Leaf

Work as first leaf of first spray on inner row working joining st into centre tr of last large petal made on rose.

#### Second Leaf

Work as second leaf of previous spray working first joining st into centre tr of first large petal made on rose and joining tip of leaf to third free 3 ch loop on edging of inner row after first join of rose.

Complete spray as before working a joining st at tip of fourth leaf into centre dc at tip of fourth leaf on first spray.

#### Third Spray

Work as first spray of inner row until 3 large petals have been completed on rose, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 2 tr, miss 1 large petal after last joining st of previous rose, a joining st into centre tr of next large petal, into same loop on third rose work 3 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, a large petal into next loop, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 3 tr, miss eight 3 ch loops on edging of inner row, a joining st into next loop, into same loop on rose work 2 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc, into next loop work 1 dc 1 hlf tr and 2 tr, a joining st into next loop, into same loop on rose work 3 tr 1 hlf tr and 1 dc and complete as first spray of outer row of sprays.

Make 9 more sprays joining each as previous 3 sprays and joining to edging of inner row in same manner, joining last spray to first spray to correspond.

#### Outer Edging

**1st Row:** With right side facing attach thread to centre dc at tip of fifth leaf of first spray on outer row, 1 dc into same place as join, \* a large picot loop, miss 4 dc, a joint at into next dc miss 4 dc on next leaf and into next dc, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of same leaf, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre

dc at tip of next leaf, (a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre tr of next free large petal) twice, 3 ch, (1 dc into centre tr of next free large petal, a large picot loop) twice, (1 dc into centre dc at tip of next leaf, a large picot loop) twice, miss 3 dc, a joint at into next dc miss 3 dc on next leaf and into next dc, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of same leaf, a large picot loop, miss 3 dc, 1 tr into next dc, 5 ch, a picot, 2 ch, miss 3 dc, a joint at into next dc miss 6 dc on next leaf and into next dc, 1 ch, miss 5 dc on next leaf, a joint at into next dc miss 3 dc on next leaf and into next dc, 5 ch, a picot, 2 ch, miss 3 dc, 1 tr into next dc, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of same leaf; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

**2nd Row:** 1 dc into same place as ss, \* (a picot loop, 1 dc into next loop between picots, a picot loop, 1 dc into next st between picot loops) 4 times, a picot loop, 1 dc into next loop between picots, 3 ch, miss next 3 ch loop, (1 dc into next loop between picots, a picot loop, 1 dc into next st between picot loops, a picot loop) 5 times, 1 dc into next loop between picots, a picot loop, 1 dc into next tr, 3 ch, 1 dc into next tr, a picot loop, 1 dc into next loop between picots, a picot loop, 1 dc into next st between picot loops; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

**3rd Row:** Ss to centre of first picot loop, 1 dc into same loop, \* (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop between picots) 8 times, 3 ch, (1 dc into next loop between picots, 5 ch) 13 times, 1 dc into next loop between picots; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

**4th Row:** \* (Into next loop work 2 dc, 3 ch, 3 dc, 3 ch and 2 dc) 8 times, 3 dc into next loop, (into next loop work 2 dc, 3 ch, 3 dc, 3 ch and 2 dc) 13 times; repeat from \* ending with 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

Damp and pin out to measurements.

## Doily (Front Cover)

### First Spray

Work as first spray of mat turning with 5 ch at end of fifth leaf. Do not fasten off.

### Edging

**1st Row:** 1 dc into 4th ch from hook (a picot made), 6 ch, a picot, 2 ch, (a large picot loop made at beginning of row) miss 6 dc on fifth leaf, 1 dc into next dc, 5 ch, a picot, 6 ch, a picot, 2 ch (another large picot loop made), 1 dc into centre dc at tip of leaf, a large picot loop, miss 4 dc, leaving the last loop of each on hook work 1 dbl tr into next dc miss 5 dc after joining at on next leaf and 1 dbl tr into next dc, thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a joint at made), a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of same leaf, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre dc at tip of next leaf, a large picot loop, 1 dc into centre tr of next free large petal on rose, 5 ch, turn.

**2nd Row:** A picot, 5 ch, a picot, 2 ch (a picot loop made at beginning of row), 1 dc into first loop between picots, \* (5 ch, a picot) twice, 2 ch (another picot loop made), 1 dc into next st between picot loops, a picot loop, 1 dc

into next loop between picots; repeat from \* 3 times more, 5 ch, turn.

**3rd Row:** A picot loop, 1 dc into first loop between picots, (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop between picots) 8 times, 5 ch, miss 3 sts on next free large petal of rose, 1 dc into next tr, 1 ch, turn.

**4th Row:** (Into next loop work 2 dc, 3 ch, 3 dc, 3 ch and 2 dc) 6 times. Cut thread leaving approximately 60 cm of thread to join first motif to last motif to complete circle.

### Second Spray

Work as first spray to within 4th row of edging.

**4th Row:** (Into next loop work 2 dc, 3 ch, 3 dc, 3 ch and 2 dc) 6 times, 2 dc into next loop, 1 ch, 1 ss into 6th st made on third last large petal of rose on first spray, 1 ch, 3 dc into same loop on second spray, 1 ch, 1 ss into 4th st made on second last large petal of rose on first spray, 1 ch, 2 dc into same loop on second spray, into next loop work 2 dc 3 ch 3 dc 3 ch and 2 dc, 2 dc into next loop, 1 ch, 1 ss into centre dc at tip of second leaf on first spray, 1 ch, into same loop on second spray work 3 dc 3 ch and 2 dc, 1 ss into next dc. Fasten off.

Make 9 more sprays joining each as second spray was joined to first. Complete first spray as before joining to last spray to correspond.

## Heading

**1st Row:** With right side facing attach thread to same place as last as on 4th row of edging on any spray, 3 ch, miss 4 dc on second leaf of next spray, a joint at working 1 dbl tr into next dc and 1 dbl tr into centre dc at tip of next leaf, \* a picot loop, miss 4 dc on same leaf, 1 dc into next dc, a picot loop, miss 4 dc, a joint at working 1 dbl tr into next dc miss next picot and 1 dbl tr into next picot, (a picot loop, 1 dc into next picot) twice, a picot loop, leaving the last loop of each on hook work 1 dbl tr into same place as last as on edging of same spray miss 4 dc on second leaf of next spray 1 dbl tr into next dc and 1 dbl tr into centre dc at tip of next leaf, thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a triple joint at made); repeat from \* omitting a triple joint at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first joint at.

**2nd Row:** Ss to centre of first picot loop, 1 dc into same loop, \* a picot loop, 1 dc into next loop between picots; repeat from \* ending with a picot loop, 1 ss into first dc.

**3rd Row:** Ss to centre of first picot loop, 1 dc into same loop, \* 5 ch, 1 dc into next loop between picots; repeat from \* ending with 5 ch, 1 ss into first dc.

**4th Row:** Into each loop work (2 dc, 3 ch) twice and 2 dc, 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

Damp and pin out to measurements.

### To Make Up

Turn back a small hem on fabric or face with bias binding. Place crochet to fabric overlapping last 2 rows of heading and sew neatly in position.

### Laundering

Mercer-Crochet colours are fast dyed and are highly resistant to even the most severe washing treatments but these colours may be adversely

affected when washed in certain commercial washing preparations which contain high levels of fluorescent brightening (whitening) agents. To maintain the true tones of Mercer-Crochet colours it is recommended that pure soap flakes type washing agents be used as these generally contain only low concentrations of fluorescent brightening (whitening) agents.

Items should not be washed when work is still in progress. The assembled article should be washed on completion.

Make a warm lather of pure soap flakes and wash in the usual way, either by hand or washing machine. If desired, the article may be spin-dried until it is damp, or left until it is half dry. Place a piece of paper, either plain white or squared, on top of a clean, flat board. Following the correct measurements, draw the shape of the finished article on to the paper, using ruler and set square for squares and rectangles and a pair of compasses for circles. Using rustless pins, pin the work out to the pencilled shape, taking care not to strain the article. Pin out the general shape first, then finish by pinning each picot, loop or space into position. Special points to note carefully when pinning out are:-

- When pinning loops, make sure the pin is in the centre of each loop to form balanced lines.
- When pinning scallops, make all the scallops the same size and regularly curved.
- Pull out all picots.
- Where there are flowers, pull out each petal in position.
- When pinning filet crochet, make sure that the spaces and blocks are square and that all edges are even and straight.

If the work requires to be slightly stiffened, use a solution of starch - 1 dessertspoonful to  $\frac{1}{2}$  litre (1 pint) hot water, and dab lightly over the article. Raise the article up off the paper, to prevent it sticking as it dries. When dry, remove the pins and press the article lightly with a hot iron.

